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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **The Worst.**, March 21, 2008

By [Trisha Dehler "Must Luv Books"](#) (Portland, ME) - [See all my reviews](#)

Not only is this book poorly edited, lacking mature character development and starving for originality, but the author wrote her own five star review. How insulting is that? Fortunately, I flipped through the book before giving it to my daughter. Had I given her this title for her birthday, I could have turned her off to reading for life - and to birthdays.

I was content to write it off as a loss, but the author drove me to stating my outrage publicly. She's been rude to authors who offered advice. In addition to reviewing her own title, she is guilty of spamming advertisements for her book all over the Amazon forums, no matter how inappropriate the category.

Want a book on refinishing tables? Buy Antigua. Cat need box trained? Buy Antigua.

On a final note, I was tempted to write this entire review in small letters only. Thanks to the author the planet is running dangerously low on capital letters and we are already completely out of explanation points. How will there ever be a trilogy without them?

Do not encourage this author's behavior. Encourage her to learn and improve by not buying this book.

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **I would NEVER let my kids read this**, March 20, 2008

By [Brittany](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [ANTIGUA: The Land of Fairies Wizards and Heroes \(Part 1\) \(Hardcover\)](#)

I get it, you wrote this "novel" specifically for kids, but I just can't get past the fact that you actually think kids are as simple-minded as your grammar construction blatantly hints at. I'm sorry, but having exciting subject matter, i.e. wizards & dragons, doesn't necessarily make the book itself exciting- you kinda screwed that up with your subpar writing. If you're goal is to dumb down America's kids, then you're definitely on the right path. And what's up with this book being priced at \$28??? Harry Potter was never priced that high!

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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **Hire a good editor and try again**, March 19, 2008

By [SK "wurdnurd"](#) (SF Bay Area, CA) - [See all my reviews](#)

The premise isn't bad: A little Cornelia Funke or Garth Nix with Phillip Pullman and throw in Arthurian legend. However, the execution really needs help. Typos, poor grammar, awful sentence structure, the obscene use of exclamation points (which really is just talking down to a child in written form; do you talk baby-babble to an 8-year old?)...that won't even matter unless you change the cover of the book. I thought this book was for a 9-10 year old boy, NOT for a female of any age. Like adults, children judge books by their covers. In fact, children will judge much harshly and more instantly than adults, and they can be stubborn once their opinions have been made.

To the author who posted a response about older readers and parents leaving reviews: Adults do most of the book purchasing for their children, especially online.

Adults are the librarians and teachers who promote the books in libraries and school through booktalks and handselling. Adults own the bookstores and promote the book through marketing and handselling. These are people who read literally hundreds of books each year. Listen to what the adults say, and don't dismiss their critiques simply because you think they're not your target audience.

Me? I'm a grad student, studying to be a kid's librarian. I work for and in the public libraries and have been doing so for quite some time now. I work with kids every day and help them find the books that they would enjoy. And I've read just shy of 70 children's and young adult books since the middle of January of this year...just think about that for a second.

Honestly, hire a great editor, work out the kinks and add one of your female characters to the cover, fighting the dragon in full-armor or something. You (and, more to the point, your book) will be better off.

Good luck!

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18 of 19 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **Time Waster would have been a better title !!!**, March 17, 2008

By [Mark A. Moss](#) (PhilaPA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This book is awful! A total waste of my time. If I was a smart kid, I'd ask for my money back. My little brother has a better imagination than the authors. Next book, ask a kid to help. Don't try to write like one. I feel, dumb just from reading it.

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **I don't think I have ever seen a worse book in the publishing industry.**, March 16, 2008

By [Aiyaruk](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

I was so utterly appalled at the quality of writing in this book that I had to take a peek at who exactly the publisher was. I couldn't imagine in all of my nightmares that any self-respecting publisher would allow such terrible drivel to make it to press. Low and behold, come to find out, it's quite interesting that this is a self-published novel (though I use the term "novel" loosely here). We can all breathe a collective sigh of relief that this book has likely never seen the likes of an editor... or an agent... or a real, authenticated, respected publisher. The world of literature is not yet doomed. However, this book is. Where should I begin? I think I shall start at the author's pathetic attempts at spamming the Amazon boards to announce the presence of this tome of trash. I read a couple of her posts and wondered how on earth an author who cannot even formulate a complete sentence (grammar, punctuation, OR correct capitalization) in any of her posts could ever get something published. It was out of sheer morbid curiosity that I took a look at her book. I have one piece of advice for the author in

question: one does not have to write like a child to write for children. And this is only Part 1? Does that mean there's more of this trash to be expected? Please, author, stop while you're ahead and save your money. I know that self-publishing can get expensive. Writing is simply not your calling. I would suggest applying the money you save to a creative writing class before you ever take another crack at writing again.

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By **Denise Brown Ellis** - [See all my reviews](#)

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Also, you are right. There were too many exclamation points throughout the book. I corrected that mistake months ago. Many of the exclamation points were removed months ago. Yes. I gree with you totally. They should never have been placed there in the first place. I will never make the same mistake again.

Parents this book shows in a magical and fantasy way that kids could be and do all that they want. It especially emphasizes the strength and courage of little girls. This book will help kids imaginations run free! It really is a lot of fun for kids!

Thank you for your reviews. Even the negative reviews are a great help.

Good-bye now!

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☆☆☆☆ **is this a joke?**, March 14, 2008

By **Isabel "Isabel's review"** (Bronx, NY) - [See all my reviews](#)

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